

# Fun with Word Clouds—Part 2

In the previous lesson, we talked about how to create word clouds at [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net) or another site that does the same type of thing and get them into your yearbook at a high resolution. We finished up with a cool example of a wordle with a photo inside it. (Figure A) We also promised to come back and show you how we did it. So here you are—instructions.

- ☑ Go to [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net) and create your word cloud, save it and convert it for yearbook use. Check page 7 of the December issue for complete instructions.
- ☑ Open your word cloud in Photoshop.
- ☑ Choose Select>Color Range. (Figure B)
- ☑ When the Color Range dialog box opens (Figure C), use the first eyedropper tool and click anywhere in your word cloud that is white. Make sure Fuzziness is set to 0. Click OK.
- ☑ All your white is now selected and you want your words selected, so choose Select>Inverse. (Figure D)
- ☑ Type Command (Control PC) J, which will duplicate only the selected words to a new Layer.
- ☑ Turn off the original layer by clicking the eyeball in the Layers panel. You should now see your words with a checkerboard (transparent) background. (Figure E)
- ☑ Grab a single photo or a group of photos, and copy them into your document as the top layer. If you use multiple photos, make sure they are all merged to one layer before you proceed. (Figure F)
- ☑ Choose Layers>Create Clipping Path, and Photoshop will cut out your photo to go inside your word cloud. It should look like the final product we have created. (Figure G)
- ☑ To make the letters stand out a little better, we added a Drop Shadow and a small Emboss layer style to the word cloud layer.
- ☑ If you want your word cloud on a color or a background, just create a new layer below the word cloud and add color to it as we have done here. \*

